

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 9TH DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors: A Dicken (Chairman), T Bailey L Burns, M Leather, K Miles, C Musgrove, L Saint.

Also present: Borough Cllr P Findlow

Cllr Dicken formerly announced Maurice Ireland's resignation and thanked him for all his work especially on the Finance Committee. He also welcomed Cllr Linda Saint and Cllr Tom Bailey to the Parish Council.

Item	Action
101. Apologies for absence	
Cllr T Jackson, D Foden, D Rutherford	
102. To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November	
Borough Cllr Findlow requested item 126 to be amended. Following this amendment Cllr Musgrove proposed that the minutes of the 11 th November 2014 be approved. Cllr Miles seconded the proposal All in favour <i>Resolved: That the minutes of the 11th November 2014 should be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</i>	
Declarations of Interest	
None	
103. To approve the co-option of an applicant to the Council	
Cllr Dicken proposed that Mr Keith Podmore be co-opted onto the Parish Council Cllr Musgrove seconded the proposal All in Favour <i>Resolved: Mr Keith Podmore be co-opted onto the Parish Council.</i>	
104. Public Participation	
None	
105. Clerks Report	
The Clerk's report was noted. A meeting with Andrew Ross of CEC was discussed. The date agreed was 22 nd January 2015 at 3.30pm.	
106. Accounts for Payment	APPENDIX A
Cllr Miles proposed that the accounts for December should be sanctioned for payment Cllr Burns seconded the proposal All were in favour <i>Resolved: That the accounts for the previous month should be sanctioned for payment.</i>	
107. Planning Reports for 19th November	
The planning reports were noted. Cllr Dicken reported that he had spoken in favour of the latest plans for Ford House at the CEC Northern Planning Committee meeting as a resident and not as a Councillor. Cllr Jackson had spoken against the plans in her capacity as Chairman of Prestbury P.C. Planning Committee. She was unhappy that Councillor Dicken had supported a different recommendation from that made by a	

	<p>majority of the PC Planning Committee with his decision to support the plans publicly. Cllr Musgrove requested that if anybody is speaking on behalf of the Parish Council, then the whole of the Parish Council should be informed of this and not just the Planning Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Leather picked up on the fact that Cllr Dicken had stated he was the Chairman of the Parish Council, even though he spoke as an individual. Cllr Dicken explained that a number of the principal authority councillors present were aware of who he was and he felt he should declare an interest and make certain there was no confusion as to how matters stood or to how he was regarded. He offered to resign if the Parish Council felt he was wrong. The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Dicken should not resign but Cllr Leather made it clear that she still had issues with the course of events.</p>	
108.	Reports	
	<p><i>i. Maintenance and Safety</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>ii. Public Realm, Road and Pavement Maintenance and Road Safety</i> Cllr Leather reported that the lights over the bridge at the railway station had been repaired and she hoped they were still working. She had reported that the low level lights on the path between the station and the village were not working twice and had not even received an acknowledgement. She will e-mail again. She had also received a complaint about the state of the pavements. She had reported this and had received an e-mail back maintaining that the pavements had been attended to. However, they were still extremely dangerous. Leaves were being brushed off the road onto the pavement.</p> <p>Cllr Musgrove reported that, following the recent utility works, the road surface on Macclesfield Road was very patchy and the verges were ruined. Borough Cllr Findlow explained that a new licensing scheme for work to be completed will come into force shortly which will make utility companies work together more. He agreed to write concerning the verges.</p> <p>It was reported that the BT boxes will now be positioned either side of the sundial and the village should have superfast broadband by June.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Findlow also reported about the re-surfacing of Willowmead Drive. The best answer he could get is that the work would be completed possibly in April but he will continue to try and get a more definite date.</p> <p><i>iii. Police Report</i> Cllr Dicken reported that the SID will be manned further up Macclesfield Road as suggested by Sgt. Degg and the results will be compared with the results from the location it is situated at present. Speedwatch is still to be set up and volunteers were required.</p> <p><i>iv. Environment Issues</i> The tree carving at the corner of Bridge Green and New Road was discussed and the Clerk agreed to send a 'Thank You' letter to the Amenity Society.</p> <p><i>v. Footpaths</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>vi. Newsletter</i> Cllr Burns asked if everyone had received the Autumn/Winter newsletter. It emerged that Bridgfords estate agents had not had a copy and neither had the kitchen showroom who had advertised in it. She said that the commercial properties were supposed to receive the newsletter and the Clerk agreed to contact the delivery team about this.</p> <p>It was agreed that this newsletter was a very good read and very informative and thanks was given to Cllr Burns for her hard work.</p> <p><i>vii. Community Pride</i> Cllr Musgrove reported that three commercial premises had now been filled and would soon be ready to open.</p>	<p>PF</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
109.	To receive reports concerning Cheshire East Council (CEC) issues including the Local Enterprise Partnership, The Local Area Partnership (LAP), Local Service Delivery and Devolved Services	
	<p>Cllr Burns reported that, on the day after that last Parish Council meeting, she had managed to obtain a copy of the interim report by the Inspector conducting the examination in public into the Local Plan. She had therefore been able to quickly write a 'Stop Press' item for the P.C. newsletter. The inspector had been extremely critical of the Local Plan and stated that CEC aspirations to bring thousands of jobs to Cheshire East would mean they would have to provide the land for another 10,000 plus houses</p>	

	<p>during the period of the Plan.</p> <p>Cllrs Burns and Leather had attended a meeting of the Macclesfield Area of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) at which Adrian Fisher, CEC's chief planning officer, had spoken. He had reported that, of the options suggested by the inspector, CEC had decided to produce amendments to the existing submission version in time for the EiP to be resumed within six months. Cllr Burns explained that if the modifications proposed were in fact very significant, then CEC would probably have to withdraw the current version and go away and complete a totally new Plan.</p> <p>She also reported that we are still not being kept informed concerning the Poynton Relief Road. A new report was going before a committee of Stockport MBC that evening which seemed to be saying that junction improvements on the A523 through Prestbury would be relatively modest. She commented that she gains more information from Stockport MBC's website than she ever does from CEC's or from CEC officers in respect of road building proposals. It was agreed that this should be re-iterated to Andrew Ross at the meeting in January.</p>	
110.	To receive progress on the Children's playground and developing proposals for a Scout Hut	
	<p>Cllr Miles reported that the playground installation had been completed and she had met with the contractors to discuss snagging as the finish was not to her satisfaction and she had asked them to come back to her with solutions to the problems. Consequently it was still "work in progress". She is looking at the end of January for the official opening. The fund raising committee had asked Colleen Rooney to open the playground but had not heard anything from her yet.</p>	
111.	To receive a report from the Finance & General Purpose Committee and discuss the budget for 2015/2016	
	<p>Cllr Burns explained, for the benefit of the new Councillors, that herself and Cllrs Leather and Musgrove had visited the converted toilet block and Information Centre in Bollington and that a Codisil had been agreed to the toilet block contract relating to the Prestbury site. This would allow for it to be converted into a community building if that was what was agreed. Plan for Prestbury had originally proposed the demolition of the toilet block and the installation of a full car park. However, despite the very modest usage that the public toilets had, many residents and some Councillors felt that one or two public toilets should be provided. Nothing had been decided but there seemed to be a case for a community building that would replace Ford House and which had attached to it a small toilet area, with the rest of the space used for parking. There had been discussions about employing an architect to draw some provisional sketches but nothing had come of them yet. Whatever happened with the site would not happen overnight but Cllr Burns argued that there needed to be a proper budget which would allow for at least some initial drawings plus some more detailed designs to be brought forward during the next financial year. This was agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Miles said that the sub group which had been working on the Christmas street party also felt there should be a summer event. This was considered to be a good idea and a small provision was made in the budget to allow for this.</p> <p>Cllr Musgrove proposed that the Precept be raised by 2% this year Cllr Bailey seconded the proposal Cllr Leather objected All in favour <i>Resolved: that the Precept request for 2015/2016 would be £51,532</i></p>	
112.	To report progress on priorities for the future of the village	
	<p>Cllr Dicken presented the priorities that had previously been agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Saint reported that she knew of two retired bankers who wished to volunteer to help with the re-generation of the village and it was agreed that Cllrs Dicken and Saint would meet up with them to discuss this. He also agreed to present an updated list of priorities for the next meeting.</p>	AD

113.	To discuss the Xmas lights and Party	
	Cllr Miles reported that all the village traders were now on board. There would be eighty stalls. There was a Santa Claus and the Co-op had donated three hundred selection boxes. She needed volunteers for bucket collections and selling of raffle tickets. The Clerk agreed to ensure that the lights remained on at the toilet block. Cllr Dicken and the Vicar were to open the event and Noddy Holder would close it.	Clerk
114.	To discuss the extension of the 20mph speed limit	
	Borough Cllr Findlow reported that the advertisements for this would be in place imminently.	
115.	To receive an update on the progress with the transfer of the toilet block	
	Nothing to report yet.	
116.	To note correspondence and decide which items to take action upon	
	Mr John Rowley letter – Cllr Dicken agreed to meet with Mr Rowley.	

Chairman